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# WEEKLY UPDATE

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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### ARRESTING ABATEMENT

**Neighborhood Enhancement** has been conducting a number of recent city-wide abatements, including three last week in temperatures well over 100 degrees. In one case, years of accumulated backyard trash which never made it to the alley trash bins took over 1.5 days for the contracted crew to remove. The **Tempe Police** Officer hired for standby duty was kept busy during the course of the abatement with unique circumstances. A relative of one resident had license plates seized for having his car unregistered and driving on a suspended license, which in turn, created a new violation of having an unregistered vehicle on the property. Additionally, an arrest occurred when someone working in the yard across the street had parked his motorcycle on the subject property, and realized the Police were checking his license plates. The man fled, but was apprehended a few blocks away and arrested for outstanding warrants for felony assault. Special thanks for the inter-departmental teamwork which makes our neighborhoods cleaner and safer for all.

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### PASS THE POPCORN...

**Harkins Theatres at Tempe Marketplace 16** featuring the newest **Ciné Capri** theatre opens June 29 at Tempe Marketplace. The theatre includes a large gourmet snack bar, wall-to-wall screens, 'Ultimate Rocker' high-backed loveseats and 16 screens. This is one of five grand-scale Ciné Capri auditoriums in the nation, including Scottsdale, Oklahoma, Colorado and Texas. Harkins is also hosting a VIP benefit for **Tempe Community Council** on June 28. The evening begins at 6:30PM with a reception, raffle and live entertainment followed at 8:00PM by a screening of the original "Star Wars". Attendees also receive a gift bag with a 'Loyalty T-shirt' [good for free popcorn], a 'Loyalty Cup' [\$1 soda refills] and two passes for a future movie. Tickets are \$40 each, and can purchased at [www.tch-az.com/](http://www.tch-az.com/).

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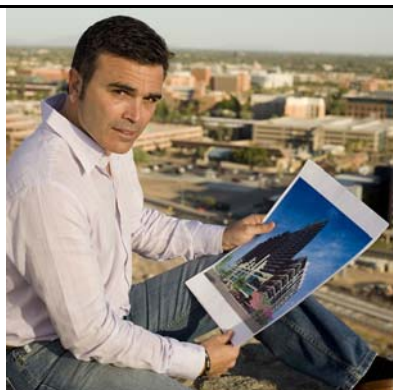
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### CENTERPOINT HARD HAT TOUR

**Centerpoint Condominiums** hosted a hard hat tour of the first tower on Monday for some members of Community Development and Development Services. The 22-story building has topped off and is being covered in designer glass. The first tower will be finished by December, with the second 30-story building topping off at about the same time. Views from the 21st story of the building go as far as the University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale. Sales continue to be strong for the project, according to Centerpoint staff. To view a video of **Chef Michael** at the **Trattoria**, visit [trattoriam.com/chef\\_michael\\_video.htm](http://trattoriam.com/chef_michael_video.htm), or for general information about the restaurant visit [trattoriam.com/about\\_trattoriaM.htm](http://trattoriam.com/about_trattoriaM.htm).

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### AUSSIE-STYLE

**Eugene Marchese**, Managing Director of **Constellation Property Group**, flew into Tempe last week to assist with the forthcoming *Tempe Business Resource Guide*. From Sky Harbor International Airport to the top of Tempe [Hayden] Butte for his photo shoot and back to the airport in about an hour, Marchese was a testament to Tempe's accessibility and great location. Here, Marchese looks upon the development site for **Stadium Tower**, the empty lot below him at the southeast corner of College Avenue and Veteran's Way [5th Street].

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"It takes so much effort to maintain the intensity, but isn't it like that with anything that is worthwhile?"

— Gabrielle Reece, Pro Volleyball Player / Model / Mother



## SUN. SAND. JUMP SERVE. VOLLEY. SET. SPIKE... [WIPE.]

A three-acre sandy beach has been created on the **North Bank of Town Lake** east of the Mill Avenue Bridges. This new recreation area provides four sand volleyball courts and an open space area for additional recreational uses such as sand soccer. This area is for public use by reservations. For more information contact **Rio Salado Office** at 480.858.2188.

**Jungle Ball**, anyone? Jungle Ball is any volleyball game with people who don't really know how to play volleyball. A common euphemism for this type of game is "Picnic Volleyball".



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## TEMPE MAKES FORTUNE TOP 5

The Phoenix metropolitan market, with a specific nod to Tempe, made *Fortune Magazine's* list of **Top 5 Places to Bargain Hunt for Condos**, along with Miami and Naples, FL; Las Vegas and San Diego. "In the past five years, Arizona's sprawling metropolises -- Phoenix, Scottsdale, Tempe -- have begun to go vertical, adding luxury high rises to markets in which condos have typically meant low rise starter homes or senior-friendly active communities." Read more in the June 25 issue of *Fortune Magazine*: [http://money.cnn.com/galleries/2007/real\\_estate/0706/gallery.condo\\_bargain\\_hunting.fortune/5.html](http://money.cnn.com/galleries/2007/real_estate/0706/gallery.condo_bargain_hunting.fortune/5.html).



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